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Trifecta of escapes make for Labor excuses

Regardless of prisoner classification, three escapes from the Darwin Correctional Centre at Holtze reinforces the contempt the Labor government has for Territorian's safety and the Corrections portfolio.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Lia Finocchiaro said the three escapes over a 36 hour period were a clear indication that the Labor government's cuts to the Corrections budget had a detrimental effect.

"Territorians expect that anyone who has been sentenced to a facility, be it low, medium or high security, or granted access to Sentenced to a Job (or similar), that the individual would stay within that facility or activity.

"Labor cut \$4.5 million from the Corrections Budget and ordered up to \$20 million in additional cost savings on to the wider Attorney-General's Department.

"Corrections Officers remain without an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, have no operational agreement and are facing budget cuts which directly affect their day to day operations.

"The priority of any government is to keep its citizens safe, and ongoing critical incidents such as these escapes reinforce the wrong priorities of this hypocritical government.

"I urge Territorians to take heed of the advice of our hardworking Police and not approach the individual who remains at large," said Ms Finocchiaro.

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